

The Chattanooga Stamp Chronicle

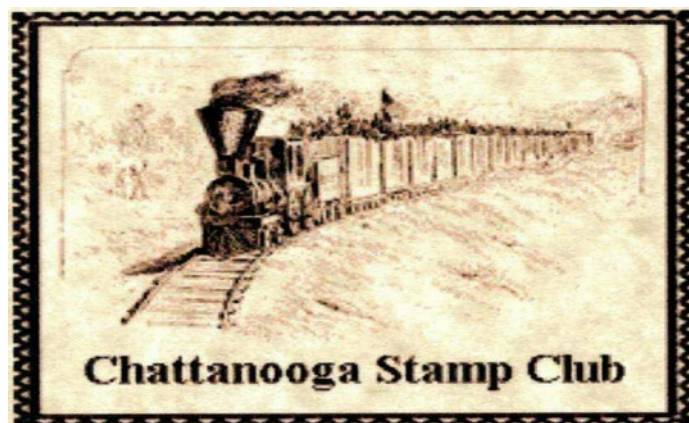
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MEETINGS ARE HELD AT THE HICKORY VALLEY CHRISTIAN CHURCH, 6605 SHALLOWFORD RD., CHATTANOOGA, TN.

DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 PM, MEETING BEGINS AT 7:30 PM -- VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

October 13 Monthly Meeting
Program ... Canadian Small Queens - Part 2. John Burnett
November 10 Monthly Meeting
Program Auction

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MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Chattanooga Stamp Club memberships are on a calendar year basis. Yearly dues are \$10.00; send all monetary donations and membership dues to the club's Treasurer:

Mr. Carl Anderson, 919 Dunsinane Rd.
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THE CHATTANOOGA STAMP CHRONICLE

The Chattanooga Stamp Club is affiliated with the American Philatelic Society. The club has been dedicated to the study, preservation, and promotion of the philatelic hobby since 1932.

SOUTHEAST FEDERATION OF STAMP CLUBS

The Southeast Federation web site is a source for information about stamp collecting activities in the region. Visit at: www.sefsc.org/federation-clubs.html

AMERICAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY

American Philatelic Society (APS) is the largest nonprofit stamp collecting Foundation of philately in the world., With about 32,000 members as of 2014 worldwide. Visit at: www.Stamps.org.

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER MEETING

The September meeting of the Chattanooga Stamp Club was called to order @7:25 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance by president Richard Barr.

24 members and Guests were present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer reported a balance on hand of \$875.94, and no checks outstanding. His report was approved.

APS paperwork has been sent in for the Club's 2017 membership.

Circuit Books will be available as usual. We have a positive balance for this Club Activity. Keep buying from the books. If you would like to see other Topics please see Mike with your choices.

Joel Rind, one of our members, was presented with a Plaque for his years of service to the members and Club. Best wishes to Joel as he moves to a new Chapter in his Life.

Snacks, Cake, and Ice Cream was provided to Celebrate. Thanks to the members and wives who provided this.

John Burnett, our Guest Speaker then provided an interesting program on the Canadian Small Queens. The second half of the Program will be presented at the October meeting.

Tom

2017 Dues are payable. Only \$10 per year keeps you as an active member. See Carl Anderson to pay your dues.

November is auction month! Start now to prepare your lots for the auction. Remember, the minimum bid is \$1.00. Here's your chance to get rid of some duplicates!

HELP WANTED!

Be a published author! Contribute to your stamp club newsletter. Tell us about an interesting item in your collection or an interesting story about some other aspect of our hobby. Don't feel comfortable about whether what you write is good enough? Send your rough draft and it can be edited for publication.

YOUR NEWSLETTER ONLINE!

The Chattanooga Stamp Club Newsletter is now available online! This is a benefit of membership in the Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs. Access the web site at:

<<http://www.sefsc.org/federation-clubs.html>>

Newsletters from November, 2015 thru September, 2016 are available now. Earlier editions will be added from time to time. Other club newsletters are also online and you can get news from other stamp clubs at this site.

September 2016 STAMP ISSUES



September 2
Star Trek



September 29
Jack-O'-Lantern Stamps

STAMP OF THE MONTH



Scott #917a Error

This printing error is hard to detect. The error was that the red and blue stripes in the flag were printed after the black wrinkles in the flag.

October is Stamp Collecting Month! Look here for ideas to promote the hobby:
<http://stamps.org/Stamp-Collecting-Month>

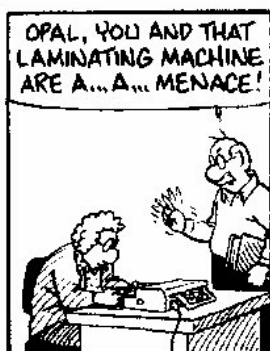


UPCOMING SHOWS

October 1-2, 2016. **MEMPHEX 2016** Agricenter International "C" Wing 7777 Walnut Grove Road. Memphis Stamp Collectors Society. Andrew Buckman PO Box 66, Ellendale, TN 38029. Email: andburk@usit. www.memphisstampcollectorsociety.org

January 27-29, 2017. **Southeastern Stamp Expo.** Southeastern Federation of Stamp Clubs, Hilton Hotel Atlanta Northwest, 5993 Peachtree Industrial Blvd, Norcross. Scott Mark, sestampexpo@gmail.com, www.sefsc.org

PICKLES



Washington Post Writers Group

BRIAN CRANE

BEST WISHES, JOEL!

At the September meeting, the club honored long-time member and Chattanooga stamp dealer Joel Rind. Joel is retiring and moving away from Chattanooga to live near his daughter. We enjoyed cake and ice cream as we bid Joel best wishes.



WHAT IS A SAND DUNE COUNTRY?

Sand dune countries are small Persian Gulf sheikdoms with scant population that in the 1960s and early 1970s issued far more stamps than postal necessity would dictate. The stamps were often large and colorful commemoratives with little relevance to the issuing country, but they were designed to have maximum appeal to topical collectors of popular themes. The stamps were sold to collectors and dealers mint or canceled-to-order (stamps canceled without doing postal duty and sold at a steep discount from face value).

The stamps were valid for postage in the sheikdoms where they were issued, but there were few people there to use them and fewer still who were likely to write letters, so very few genuine postally used examples exist.

The sand dune countries include Abu Dhabi, Ajman, Ajman-Manama, Dubai, Fujeira, Qatar, Ras Al Khaimah, Sharjah, Sharjah- Khor Fakkan, South Arabia-Mahra State, South Arabia-Kathiri State of Seiyun, South Arabia-Kathiri State in Hadhramaut, South Arabia-Qu'aiti State in Hadhramaut, South Arabia-Upper Yafa, Trucial States, Umm Al Qiwa'in, Yemen Arab Republic, Yemen People's Republic and Kingdom of Yemen.

While the Scott standard catalog lists some stamps of many of these entities, it does not list thousands of the stamps that were issued in the 1960s and early 1970s.

Most collectors who are interested in collecting this area use the Michel *Gulf States Catalogue*, which is conveniently published in English, although the catalog publisher is located in Germany.



It is Time To 'Talk Up' Philately

How often have you heard other collectors bemoan the Demise of stamp collecting, that clubs and shows are shrinking? Have you done the same? Are you part of the problem? What have you done to counter this false assumption? It is time for you to "talk up" philately — to actively promote the hobby.

The worst case of negativity I have ever heard about came a few years ago when an officer of one club was mailing some packages with interesting arrays of stamps. A woman he did not know behind him in line remarked that she collected stamps. He said, "That's nice," and left without further conversation — totally overlooking the fact that he had an opportunity to recruit a new member for his club.

'Talk Up'=Promote

Here are some ideas of what you can do to promote philately:

• Advertise and Publicize:

If potential members or buyers are unaware of your meeting, show, or bourse, they will be among the missing. Some Stamp Clubs produce a poster advertising their meetings.

• Attend and Join:

Attending shows and joining a stamp club are great ways to help your collection grow, make new friends, and keep the stamp community healthy. The alternatives are inactive clubs and shrinking shows.

• Donate:

Two charities that are a source of new philatelists are Stamp Camp USA and Stamps for the Wounded.

• Focus:

Be sure your club has a philatelic agenda that does not deteriorate into unrelated topics and bull sessions.

• Invite:

Make strangers aware that they are welcome at your club meetings. Be sure to introduce them to each of your members.

• Listen:

Unlike the club officer, offer information about your club and other resources if you meet someone who mentions an interest in stamp collecting.

• Mentor:

Scouting merit badge counselors are always needed. The Boy Scouts offer a Stamp Collecting badge; the Girl Scouts have three separate collecting badges.

• Share:

Gifts of stamp collecting items and your knowledge to noncollecting friends and family are wonderful incentives.

• Start a youth group:

Follow the example of several Federation clubs by initiating a club of youngsters at area schools or boys and girls clubs.

• Write:

Share your knowledge with others by contributing to both philatelic and nonphilatelic publications.

Remember:

Be a part of the solution, not the problem!

By: Albert W. Starkweather, Editor, *Stamp Insider*,
January/February, 2013,

Stamps for Clunker Cars

Those who have ever listened to “Car Talk” on NPR are familiar with the “Tappet Brothers”, Tom and Ray Magliozzi. The surviving brother, Ray has the following suggestions for stamps after the Pickup Truck stamps were issued back in July. That got him to thinking, shouldn't there be a set of stamps for the vehicles that you and I actually had to drive? Cars on whose dashboards we pounded our fists in frustration.?



First on the list is the 2001 Pontiac Aztek. This is the nominee for “most hideous vehicle ever produced.”

Second nominee is the 1971 Chevy Vega. Described by one reviewer as a car with “slothful performance, woeful reliability... and the permanent falling-apart-at-the-seams appearance of an abandoned shack.”

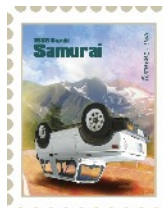


Third, is the 1995 Ford Explorer. A vehicle with a high center of gravity and tires “prone to exploding at random”

Next is the 1960 Chevrolet Corvair: A name “synonymous with ‘automotive scandal’”, one that singlehandedly shook America’s faith in car companies.



Number five is the 1986 Audi 5000: A model that showed a “willingness to take off on its own, usually through the garage door.”



The next nominee is the 1988 Suzuki Samurai: a car that “looked like a third generation Xerox copy of the Jeep with the added ability to end up on its roof at any given moment”



And seventh, the 1971 Ford Pinto: This car “wasn't too bad. It only exploded when its rear bumper came into contact with other cars, leaves or a light breeze.”

(Special thanks to Mr. Ray Magliozzi and the web site, “bestride.com/news/cartalk-bestride-stamps. Mr. Magliozzi has a column appearing in the Chattanooga Times Free Press on weekends.)

<http://bestride.com/news/entertainment/cartalk-bestride-stamps>

Postal Service Is Sorry for Delivering Blood-Stained Mail



The US Postal Service has apologized to residents along an upstate New York mail route who received mail stained with blood, the AP reports. A Postal Service spokesperson for the agency's western New York district tells the Olean Times Herald that the blood was from a mail carrier whose finger was cut after a vehicle accident Tuesday. The official says the carrier's vehicle was sideswiped, damaging the side mirror. The worker cut his finger when he tried to adjust the mirror. The official says the carrier believed the bleeding had stopped and wasn't aware blood was smudging the mail he was dropping off along a delivery route near the city of Olean, 60 miles south of Buffalo.

Hidden in Mail Carrier's Dead Mom's House: Mail



A Kentucky mail carrier felt he was a little too busy to deliver all his mail and will spend six months in prison as a result, reports the Courier-Journal. Authorities found about 45,000 pieces of mail set aside by William “Brent” Morse. “He wanted to speed up his route,” says a police captain in Dawson Springs. “I think he was lazy.” Maybe, but it takes industriousness to be lazy on this scale: Police found the mail stashed inside his dead mother's house and at a rented storage facility. Morse must pay about \$15,000 in restitution to those on his route who lost money because of his work ethic—that includes businesses whose advertising circulars went unread, notes the Justice Department. (Though at least he didn't throw the mail in the garbage, as a carrier on Long Island did.)